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1. A complete inspection of Sliven showed that only one barracks area exists there. It is southeast of Sliven between the roads to Yambol and Poryanovgrad. This barracks area, which is one of the most important seen in Bulgaria, runs for three kilometers along a railroad track, which is its partial southern boundary. The area covers about 300 hectares and its eastern section has no buildings. (See sketch on page 2.)
2. The entrance to the barracks area is on the west side above the railroad track. It was guarded by a rifle soldier, and other rifle troops were seen standing around this area. Near the entrance there is a 3-story building, probably the garrison headquarters, in front of which there were vehicles. The entrance on the north flank of the area was guarded by a tank soldier. Many buildings, concentrated in the western part, were seen in the interior of this area. Some of them were garages and in some one could see tank turrets. In the vicinity, four T-34 tanks were seen out in the open. Further east and along the road, a building with large glass windows was seen. Apparently this building is a repair shop. The Garrison office is located on a large square in the middle of Sliven.
3. Many tank officers and at least 130 men were seen in Sliven. Rifle and artillery officers and men were also seen. Trudovaks were observed working on buildings. Vehicles [REDACTED] were noticed [REDACTED] Most of the men in these vehicles wore black epaulettes with red piping.

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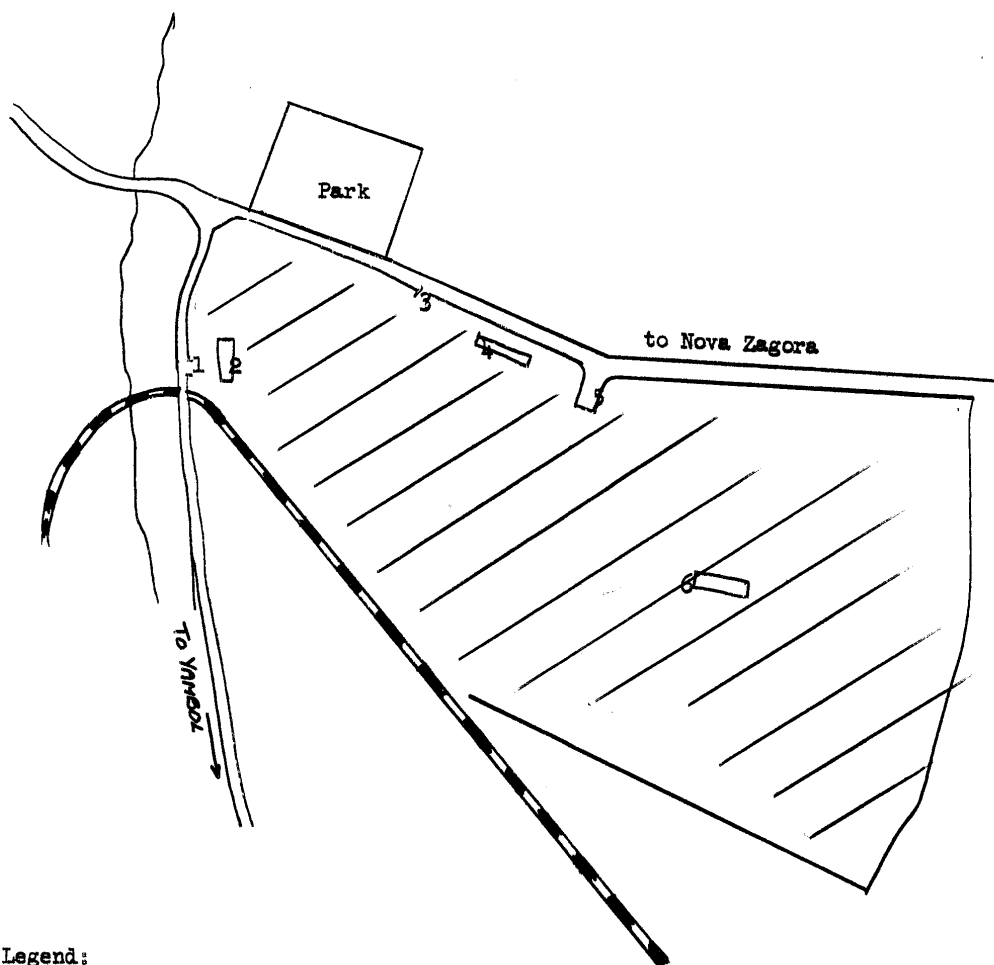
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Barracks Area at Sliven



Legend:

- 1 - Entrance guarded by an infantryman
- 2 - Headquarters Building
- 3 - Entrance guarded by a tank soldier
- 4 - Tank Garage
- 5 - Other Entrance
- 6 - Building with large windows, probably a tank repair shop

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